

### Abstract

The present invention relates to compounds that specifically block the binding between a member of the HuR family of proteins and a mRNA encoding a member of the CD83 family of proteins and that reduce expression of a member of the CD83 family of proteins in a cell as well as pharmaceutical compositions comprising such compounds and methods for screening and/or identifying compounds that block the binding between a member of the HuR family of proteins and a mRNA encoding a member of the CD83 family of proteins.